

# **U.S. Embassy Dhaka Consular Section**

## **FACT SHEET: ELECTRONIC VISA APPLICATION FORM (EVAF)**

### **Use of the EVAF is mandatory effective November 1, 2006**

- The Electronic Visa Application Form, or EVAF, allows applicants to fill out the NIV application online, print it out, and submit it to the consular section.
- The EVAF process allows applicants to fill out their applications from any internet-connected computer. The format and the questions are identical to the paper version of the NIV application form.
- The EVAF can be found at <http://evisaforms.state.gov/>, and is available in English, Spanish, Polish, Korean, Japanese, French, German, and Portuguese.
- EVAF has been designed to keep visa applications application data safe and secure. Its security and privacy has been proven through millions of applications.

### **What about the DS-157 and DS-158?**

- The DS-157 and DS-158 are additional forms that the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka requires for all visa applicants regardless of age and nationality.
- These forms do not exist electronically, meaning that applicants must print them out and then complete each form by hand. These forms can be obtained at Saimon Overseas Ltd. or on the U.S. Embassy Dhaka website at <http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/>.
- Completed forms DS-157 and DS-158 must accompany each DS-156

**Please find detailed Instructions for completion of the EVAF application and EVAF Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) attached.**